

assembled, it appeared evident that the proemlin: the work of God, inasmuch as men, who had most widely separated not merely in sentiment h differences of country, place, ami natit.ui, were brought together within the walls of a single eity, foi as it were avast garland of priests, rtmtpnse <.\*t a v. of the choicest flowers."

The Council of Nicoia was the first of the (Ecumenical Councils of the Church. There been nothing like it before; nor could there been, for no pagan Emperor would have tolc such an assembly. The exact number of those pr is not known. Eusebius, with irritating and u cssary vagueness, says that \*\* the bishops exec two hundred and fifty, while the number of the byters and deacons in their train and the crowi acolytes and other attendants was altogether be computation/\* There arc sundry lists of name corded by the ecclesiastical historians, but unfo ately all are incomplete. However, as a e.onf legend grew up within fifty years of the Council the bishops were 318 in number, and as the Co itself became known as "The Council of the we may accept that figure: without, much dt Very few came from the West. Hosius of Cor seems to have been the only representative o Spanish Church, and Nacasi<sup>k</sup>us of Divio the only r sentativc of GauL The Bishops of Aries, A<sup>1</sup> Lyons, Treves, Narbonne, Marseilles, Toulouse cities of first-class importance—were absent, torgius came from Milan; Marcus from Cala Capito from Sicily. The aged Sylvester of t